

REMARKS

Status Summary

Claims 1-9 are pending in the present application and claims 1-9 have been objected to. Claim 1 has been amended. Reconsideration of the application based on the arguments set forth hereinbelow is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Objections

Claims 1-9 have been objected to. In particular, the Patent Office contends that the word "whether" in claim 1, line 7, after the phrase "within the codec circuit to determine" should be deleted. The Patent Office further contends that in the last line of claim 1, after the phrase "digital bandpass to match," the phrase "that of" should be deleted. The Patent Office indicates that claims 1-9 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the claim objections.

Claim 1 has been amended to delete the word "whether" and the phrase "that of" at the places described by the Patent Office. Support for the amendment can be found in claim 1 as previously presented. No new matter has been added.

In light of the amendment and the Patent Office's comments described hereinabove, it is believed that the objection to claim 1 has been overcome. It is assumed that claims 2-9 are being objected to in view of their dependency from claim 1. Therefore, it is believed that the objection to claims 2-9 has also been overcome. Applicants respectfully request that claims 1-9 be allowed at this time.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above Remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in proper condition for allowance, and an early notice to such effect is earnestly solicited.

If any small matter should remain outstanding after the Patent Examiner has had an opportunity to review the above Remarks, the Patent Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned patent attorney in order to resolve these matters and avoid the issuance of another Official Action.

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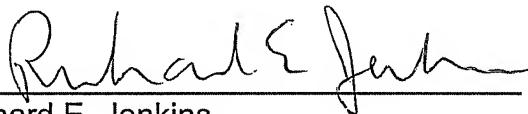
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Respectfully submitted,

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